

REMARKS

Entry, prior to the issuance of the instant application as a patent, of the amendments submitted herein is respectfully requested. Additionally, acceptance of the Issue Fee concurrently submitted herewith is respectfully requested.

I. Amendments to the Specification

The sole amendment is to add a paragraph which references the patents to which the instant application claims priority. No new matter is added.

Further, Applicants note with gratitude the Examiner's acknowledgement, in the Notice of Allowability dated September 12, 2008 for the instant application, of receipt of copies supporting this application's claim to foreign priority.

II. Amendments to the Abstract

The sole amendment is to remove reference numerals, thus conforming the Abstract to U.S. practice. No new matter is added.

III. Amendments to the Claims

An amendment made to all claims removes the reference numerals and conforms the claims to U.S. practice. No new matter is added.

CONCLUSION

Amendments made herein have been to conform the application to U.S. practice, and not for any reason of patentability, and no new matter has been added. Additionally, the required Issue Fee has been concurrently submitted. Applicants therefore respectfully request immediate grant of the instant application as a patent.

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the issuance of this application as a patent, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Further, in the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge, without reservation, the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 04-0100 referencing docket no. 21517/0205641-US0.

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